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TI High-purity pyrrolidones with little coloring and manufacturing methods therefor

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AB A method includes heating .gamma.-butyrolactone (I) with ammonia or primary alkylamines in water, feeding the reaction mixt. to a distn. column, distg. with av. residence time 10 min-8 h and temp. 90.degree.-200.degree. for the bottom liq., discharging 2-15% pyrrolidones or N-alkylpyrrolidones from the bottom of the column, distg. off water, low-boiling components, and residual pyrrolidones or N-alkylpyrrolidones, feeding the distillate to a 2nd distn. column, distg. off water and low-boiling components, and discharging pyrrolidones or N-alkylpyrrolidones from the bottom of the column. Thus, I reacted with monomethylamine to prep. pure N-methylpyrrolidone having same coloration 10 APHA after prepn. and 7 days.

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